

In the Court of Appeals of the State of Alaska

Viktor Ivanovich Natekin,
Appellant,

v.

State of Alaska,
Appellee.

Court of Appeals No. **A-12579**

Order

Request for the Appointment of Counsel

Date of Order: **3/25/2020**

Trial Court Case No. **3PA-13-01442CI**

On March 10, 2020, this Court issued an order granting Viktor Ivanovich Natekin's motion to accept his late-filed petition for rehearing and ordering Mr. Natekin to file his petition by April 9, 2020. We also notified Mr. Natekin that if he wanted assistance of court-appointed counsel to help him in drafting his petition, he should file a request for counsel. Mr. Natekin has now filed a request for court-appointed counsel.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED:

1. This case is **remanded** to the superior court to determine whether Mr. Natekin is entitled to court-appointed counsel to assist him in the current appellate proceedings. If Mr. Natekin is so entitled, then the superior court shall appoint counsel and direct that attorney to promptly file an entry of appearance with this Court. If Mr. Natekin is not so entitled, then the superior court shall make appropriate findings and inform this Court of these circumstances.

2. Due to the current restrictions ordered by the Supreme Court in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the court has until **May 25, 2020** to hold a hearing and either appoint counsel or notify this Court that Mr. Natekin is not entitled to appointment of counsel. This Court will grant additional time if necessary, and the hearing may be conducted telephonically.

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3. The current due date for Mr. Natekin's petition is **vacated**. A new deadline will be set after the conclusion of proceedings before the superior court.

Entered under the authority of Chief Judge Allard.

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